

What is claimed is:

1. A stringed instrument, comprising:
a body portion having at least first and second surfaces;
a neck portion having at least third and fourth surfaces respectively aligned with said first and second surfaces;
at least a first spacer disposed between said first surface and said third surface; and
at least a second spacer disposed between said second surface and said fourth surface.
2. The stringed instrument of claim 1, wherein said first and second surfaces lie generally at right angles relative to one another.
3. The stringed instrument of claim 1, wherein said body portion includes a front surface, said first surface being in a recess in said front surface.
4. The stringed instrument of claim 3, wherein said neck portion includes a tail, said third surface being on said tail.
5. The stringed instrument of claim 3, wherein said body portion includes a side surface, said second surface being in a recess in said side surface.
6. The stringed instrument of claim 5, wherein said neck portion includes a heel, said fourth

surface being on said heel, and further wherein said third and fourth surfaces lie in intersecting planes.

7. The stringed instrument of claim 1, wherein at least one of said spacers includes a through hole, said instrument further comprising at least one bolt passing through said through hole and connecting said neck portion to said body portion.

8. The stringed instrument of claim 1, wherein said first and second spacers lie in intersecting planes and are integrated into a single piece.

9. The stringed instrument of claim 1, wherein said neck portion includes:
a generally planar surface for supporting a fretboard, said planar surface having at least one slot extending along a length of said neck portion and having a depth greater than a width;
at least one elongated plate in said slot;
a truss rod extending in a groove along a length of said neck portion;
filling material for setting said truss rod in said neck portion, said filling material rising above the generally planar surface of said neck and acting as a tenon; and
a fretboard having an elongated mortise, said mortise cooperating with said tenon to secure said fretboard in place.

10. The stringed instrument of claim 1, wherein said body portion is hollow and further

includes a jointing structure for connecting said neck portion to said body portion, said jointing structure being mounted within said body portion and including:

a generally L-shaped piece having respective legs bearing said first and second surfaces;

and

an elongated finger board brace extending generally transverse to a length of said neck portion, said finger board brace being at an end region of one of said legs distal from the other one of said legs.

11. The stringed instrument of claim 10, wherein said generally L-shaped piece includes:
a heel block bearing said second surface; and
a shelf piece bearing said first surface.

12. The stringed instrument of claim 10, wherein said instrument is a hollow body guitar having front and side walls, said first surface being in a recess in said front wall, said second surface being in a recess in said side wall, and further wherein said neck portion has a tail and a heel, said third surface being on said tail and said fourth surface being on said heel.

13. A method of adjusting a neck and body of a stringed instrument relative to one another, said neck and body being joined together with a plurality of spacers therebetween, said method comprising:

(a) detaching the body of the instrument from the neck;

- (b) removing at least one of the spacers and replacing it with a new spacer; and
- (c) reattaching the body of the instrument to the neck.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein said steps (a) and (c) consist essentially of removing and replacing bolts.

A 15. The method of claim 13, wherein the new spacer differs ^{from} the removed spacer in at least one of: thickness and wedge angle.

16. The method of claim 13, wherein the body includes a front surface with a first recess therein and a side surface with a second recess therein, and the neck includes a tail and a heel, the spacers including at least a first spacer in the first recess abutting the tail and at least a second spacer in the second recess abutting the heel, at least one bolt passing through each of said first and second spacers, and further wherein said step (a) includes removing the bolts that pass through the first and second spacers.

17. A jointing structure for connecting a neck portion to a body portion of a stringed instrument, comprising:

A a generally L-shaped piece having first and second legs generally perpendicular to one another; and

an elongated finger board brace extending generally transverse to a length of said first

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leg, said finger board brace being at an end region of said first leg distal from said second leg.

18. The jointing structure of claim 17, wherein said generally L-shaped piece is separate from said elongated finger board brace and includes:

a heel block bearing said second surface; and

a shelf piece bearing said first surface.